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HOUSE BILL No. 124.]

[SES. 1862-'63.

Introduced by Mr. FOWLE, of Wake.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF FAMILIES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A ROLL OF HONOR.

Whereas, a great number of soldiers from this State in 2 the army of the Confederate States have died in said service, to whom, at the time of their death, there was due 3 arrears of bounty and wages, and who had with them 4 in the camp or hospital articles of personal property, and 5 by reason of the smallness of the several sums due, and of 6 the poverty and ignorance of the law of many of those 7 who are entitled to said arrears of bounty and wages, 8 and to send articles of personal property, they are, in many 9 cases, in danger of losing the same entirely, or of being 10 defrauded thereof by speculating agents; therefore, to 11 prevent said loss to the persons entitled thereto, and to 12 provide for similar cases occurring hereafter :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* 2 *State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the* 3 *authority of the same, That the Governor shall appoint an* 4 *agent at such compensation as he may deem reasonable* 5 *and just, whose duty it shall be to collect all arrears of* 6 *bounty or wages that may have been or may be due to* 7 *any soldier from this State at the time of his death, and to* 8 *take possession of any articles of personal property which* 9 *any such soldier may have had with him in the camp or* 10 *hospital at the time of his death, and to pay over and* 11 *deliver the same to such person or persons as are or may*

12 be entitled to receive the same, according to the laws of
13 this State or the Confederate States.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the agent whose
2 appointment is directed to be made by the 1st section of
3 this Act, shall enter into a bond in such sum and with
4 such sureties as the Governor may direct, before entering
5 upon the discharge of his duties.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the agent aforesaid
2 shall keep a record, to be known as the "roll of honor," of
3 all soldiers from this State who have died or been killed,
4 or who may die or be killed in the service of the State
5 or Confederate States, with all the particulars in relation
6 to the death of each that can be obtained.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor may
2 make all needful rules and regulations for the purpose of
3 effectuating the intentions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be in
2 force from and after its ratification, and continue in force
3 during the existence of the present war.

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